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An Act for the Preſervation of White and other Pine-Trees growing in Her Majeſties Colonies of *New-Hampſhire*, the *Maſſachuſets-Bay*, and Province of *Main*, *Rhode-Iſland*, and *Providence-Plantation*, the *Narraganſet* Country, or *Kings-Province*, and *Connecticut* in *New-England*, and *New-York*, and *New-Jerſey*, in *America*, for the Maſting Her Majeſties Navy.

WHereas there are great Numbers of White or other Sort of Pine-Trees, fit for Maſts, growing in Her Majeſties Colonies of New-Hampſhire, the Maſſachuſets-Bay, and Province of Main, Rhode-Iſland, and Providence-Plantation, the Narraganſet Country, or Kings-Province, and Connecticut in New-England, and New-York, and New-Jerſey, fit for the Maſting Her Majeſties Royal Navy: And whereas the ſame growing near the Sea, and on Navigable Rivers, may commodiouſly be brought into this Kingdom for the Service aforeſaid: Wherefore, for the better Preſervation thereof, Be it Enacted by the Queens moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of September, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eleven, no Perſon or Perſons within the ſaid Colonies of New-Hampſhire, the Maſſachuſets-Bay, and Province of Main, Rhode-Iſland, and Providence-Plantation, the Narraganſet Country, or Kings-Province, Connecticut in New-England, and New-York, and New-Jerſey, or any of them, do or ſhall preſume to Cut, Fell, or Deſtroy any White or other ſort of Pine-Tree

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fit for Masts, not being the Property of any private Person, such Tree being of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth, without Her Majesties Licence for so doing first had and obtained, on the Penalty or Forfeiture of One hundred Pounds Sterling for every such Offence, on Proof thereof to be made by one or more credible Witnesses, on Oath before one of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace there, within or nearest to such Place where such Offence shall be committed, one Moiety of such Penalty or Forfeiture to be to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the other Moiety to the Informer who shall Sue for the same within Six Months, to be Levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice of the Peace.

And whereas the Surveyor General of Her Majesties Woods in those Parts is, by himself or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies, by Her Majesties Commission, Authorized and Directed to Mark with the Broad Arrow all such Trees as now are, or hereafter shall be fit and proper to be taken for the Use of Her Majesties Royal Navy, and to keep a Register of the same, thereby to prevent the Destruction of such Trees: And whereas several Persons, not Lawfully thereto Authorized, as aforesaid, have presumed to Mark such Trees with the Broad Arrow, thereby to deter others Her Majesties good Subjects from getting Logs for Lumber and other Uses, and to make to themselves a Property in such Trees, though growing on Common Lands; Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eleven, no Person or Persons within the said Colonies of New-Hampshire, the Massachusets-Bay, and Provinc of Main, Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantation, the Narraganset Country, or Kings-Province, Connecticut in New-England, and New-York, and New-Jersey, or any of them, other than the said Surveyor General for the time being, his Deputy or Deputies, or such Person as shall be Authorized thereto by Warrant under the said Surveyor Generals Hand, do or shall presume to Mark any such White or other sort of Pine-Trees with the Broad Arrow, on the Penalty or Forfeiture of Five Pounds Sterling for every such Offence, to be Recovered and Levied in such Manner, and on such Proof, and to be distributed, as aforesaid; Any thing herein before, or in any former Act, contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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